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## CONGRESS URGED TO ACT ON FOOD

Revised Bills Before Senate and House Will Be Pushed by Leaders.

Food bills revised to carry out the exact ideas of President Wilson and Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, will be pushed in Congress this week. Senator Gore and Representative Lever, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, agreed last night to make every effort to get action quickly, and it is expected that discussion of the measures will begin today. It is certain that the House will take up the Lever bills seriously by tomorrow.

Both houses have kept in touch with Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Mr. Hoover since it became known that he will name an advisory committee of men who are leaders in the various lines of food production and distribution. These men will name subcommittees on grains, canned goods, garden truck, preferential shipments and the other subjects which will come under the administration of the food dictator.

In this way he will keep in close touch with every branch of his vast task of feeding a war-torn world and will have first-hand knowledge of conditions. The chairman of the various committees will be in Washington and will call their various committees together when advice is needed on their special subjects. The chairman, who will form the advisory committee, as well as all the members of the subcommittees, will serve without pay.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman has left for the Middle West where he is investigating food conditions. It is understood that he is giving particular attention to grain and crop conditions.

## RUSH GERMAN SHIPS TO TRANSPORT ARMY

Three Interned Liners Will Be Ready in Five Months.

Three of the largest interned German liners, the *Vaterland*, the *George Washington* and another, the name of which has not yet been mentioned, will be repaired and ready to transport an entire division of American troops to Europe within five months. The War Department received this information last night and at the same time was told that nearly all the other great German steamships will be available for transport duty within that time limit.

While the passenger capacity of the *Vaterland* and the *George Washington* in all classes was about 3,500 each, the crews numbered almost as many, and it is estimated that each of these vessels could carry 10,000 troops in comfort. The luxurious cabins and suites will be torn out and the cabins so arranged that the passenger capacity will be almost quadrupled.

A division of the United States army, including cavalry, numbers 23,000, so that three of the great floating hotels of the era before the war will be able easily to more than accommodate an entire division with equipment.

Altogether the interned German ships represent a tonnage of 600,000. Work is being rushed on repairs to all of them and the damage done by the German crews when diplomatic relations were broken will be completed sooner than the first estimates indicated, the War Department has been informed.

## Fight to Rule World, Japanese General Urges

Japan must first conquer the world, urges Major General Shomei Nonaka, a retired officer of the Japanese army, in the "Tai Y. O." one of the most widely read magazines in Japan, a copy of which has just reached this country. World peace is impossible, declares General Nonaka, until one great federal power dominates all the rest, and Japan, he states, is best qualified to gain this ascendancy.

"The ultimate conclusion of the world politics is the conquest of the world by a strong imperial power," the article says.

## HOME-SUBSCRIBER INCREASES

For the four weeks ending Saturday, May 12th, including 119 subscriptions not previously acknowledged..... 1,837

Monday, May 14.....	71
Tuesday, May 15.....	94
Wednesday, May 16.....	117
Thursday, May 17.....	106
Friday, May 18.....	40
Saturday, May 19.....	89

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## Athletics Will Drive Red Light from Camps

Baseball, boxing, basket-ball, track and field competitions and football will be provided as recreation for the army mobilization camps, it was announced last night by the "Morale Board" headed by Raymond E. Fossdick, Y. M. C. A. worker, who has the plans in charge.

In addition theatrical entertainments will be provided and singing societies organized.

The committee announced yesterday it would closely follow the "Alder shot plan" which provides for recreation at British mobilization camps. It also declared that trained investigators would be employed to fight the saloon and red light conditions which usually surround army camps.

## CALL PUBLICITY TO AID OF LOAN

Nation-Wide Campaign Announced with Slogan "Buy a Liberty Bond."

The most extensive publicity campaign ever conducted in this country, perhaps, will be under way this week to place before the people the necessity of purchasing liberty loan bonds.

Newspaper publicity, in the advertising and editorial columns, the placing of 1,000,000 striking posters in various cities and towns, the utilization of 11,000 billboards, use of moving picture houses and the presentation of a special scenario on the screen, besides the active personal work of thousands of men affiliated with civic, commercial and industrial bodies—all these sources will keep before the public constantly the slogan, "Buy a Liberty Bond."

The national publicity will be conducted from the office of the national director of publicity for the liberty loan in the Treasury Department which will have twelve principal trunk lines for disseminating information about the loan, extending to the Federal Reserve Banks, where publicity committees have been organized for district and local boosting.

Civic Bodies to Co-operate.

The bulk of the paid newspaper advertising is to be done through the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Federal Reserve Bank committees, National Association of Credit Men, American Bankers' Association, National Association of Retail Merchants and numerous other bodies. Already many of the members of the organization in their regular advertising matter are urging the public to buy liberty bonds.

Street railway advertising companies have agreed to advertise the loan in the streets cars of practically every large city in the country, and the Outdoor Advertising Association has arranged to advertise liberty bonds on thousands of illuminated signs.

Will Use Posters.

Posters will be displayed in practically every bank and shop window in the country. The design for the posters has been agreed upon and shortly the God-da of Liberty will be portrayed, finger pointing to passersby and saying: "You Buy a Liberty Bond Last I Perish."

The design for the posters is one of the greatest treats to moving picture lovers ever given in the number and prominence of stars, in the presentation of the liberty loan campaign. It is stated that the best known and most popular screen idols have volunteered their services free and even the most insignificant roles will be taken by high-salaried performers.

It is planned to hold a Liberty Loan Week, probably starting June 3, clergymen throughout the country to open the week by appeals from their pulpits for support to the government by floating the loan. Various national organizations will have special days upon which the membership will devote its entire activities to pushing subscriptions to the loan.

## ALL SWEDEN INFLAMED BY U-BOAT OUTRAGES

Sinking of Three Grain-Laden Vessels Bitterly Resented.

(Stockholm, May 20.—Bitter resentment against Sweden today when the news spread of the sinking by German submarines of three grain-laden Swedish vessels, *Vesterland*, *Aspen* and *Viken*. The ships had been released by England under a Vantage agreement with Sweden.

Eight members of the *Viken's* crew and two men from the *Vesterland* are believed to have perished.

"A deliberate and bloody crime," is the way the *Tidningen* refers to the sinkings. The *Dagens Nyheter* says: "Germany is drawing heavily upon the sympathies she believes herself to possess here and for which our land has been forced to hear so many unkind words from Germany's opponents."

Two of the Swedish steamers sunk, the *Vesterland* and *Aspen*, formerly plied between Swiss and American ports. The *Vesterland*, a vessel of 4,418 tons, was built in 1907. She sailed from Savannah January 24 for Gothenburg.

## French "Mosquito" Fleet Beats Off German Craft

Paris, May 20.—French and German "mosquito craft" clashed before dawn today, presumably in the Channel. Four French torpedo boat destroyers, the admiralty announced, met and engaged a German making toward port.

After a brief battle the Germans "retired at full speed in the direction of their base." One of the French boats was damaged, the official account admits.

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## Say German Submarine Committed "Foul Deed"

London, May 20.—"A foul deed," is the characterization by the admiralty of the sinking last Wednesday of the British steamship *Highland Corrie*, with the loss of six of the crew and two passengers. The statement follows:

"The *Highland Corrie* was torpedoed without warning on the 16th instant. Besides a crew of eighty-six she carried forty passengers, including several women.

"British patrol vessels rescued the passengers and crew.

"Casualties: Surgeon Russell, R. N., and Norman Lanyon, one pantryman named Thomas, and five of the crew killed by the explosion.

"The submarine was not seen after committing this foul deed."

## FRENCH REPULSE MASSED ATTACK

Fierce Counter Drive of German Crown Prince Smothered by Shell Fire.

London, May 20.—The mightiest counter drive attempted by the crown prince this year was stifled in its inception today by a volcano of French shell fire.

It was to be a powerful massed attack, prepared by drum-fire of heavy shells and asphyxiating projectiles, on a front of some ten miles. The storming columns were not able to leave the trenches. In the north against the British, the sector of the French front was swept on, defeating the French barrage. The net result was the gain of a footing in French advanced elements of 200 meters.

Meanwhile the Bavarian crown prince lost a turgid counter offensive in the eastern battle line, and five others were driven out of control. One German observation balloon was destroyed. Four British machines are missing. Berlin reported the "bagging" of eight enemy machines yesterday.

The official bulletin from Berlin tonight averred that British attacks north of the Scarpe were repulsed "with heavy losses to the enemy" near Laffaux, the statement adds. French local attacks were unsuccessful.

Russians Repulse Drive.

The Petrograd war office announced today the repulse by the Russians of two German attempts at an offensive. One was made on the northern end of the eastern battle line near the village of Kalmezh, below Riga, and the other on the Rumanian theater near the Bystritsa River. In both cases the Russian artillery fire broke up the German advancing columns before they could actually debouch for storming attacks.

In the Caucasus the Russians held in check a combined force of Turks and

## PRISONERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR UNCLE SAM'S GREAT CONSCRIPT ARMY

"Being in jail or in any way in the hands of the authorities does not excuse any one from complying with the registration law," said Commissioner Louis Brownlow last night. "No matter where you are or how you got there, you must register."

Inmates of the District Jail and the District Workhouse at Occoquan, the House of Detention, and of the various police precinct jails are going to be awakened early on the morning of June 5. The conscription act is no respecter of persons. Commissioner Brownlow said last night and everybody, coming within the registration provisions must register.

Guests at Occoquan will register under the watchful eye of Superintendent Whit-

taker, who will turn in the blanks to the District authorities. While his charges are temporary nonresidents of the District they are still its wards. Superintendent Zinkhan will attend to the men at the jail. Those in the House of Detention accompanied by a police officer, will register in the precinct where they live.

If they do not live here, it's all the same. They will register where they are. Prisoners awaiting trial will register, wherever the Commissioners direct.

A few of the men now under lock and key will doubtless be at liberty when the draft is actually made, but they will have no stipulations in the conscription bill, excusing any class. Excuses from being drafted can only come from the War Department.

## HALF MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS AT FRONT WITHIN YEAR, ARMY PLAN

Pershing Force Ordered to Europe Only the Beginning of "Big Push" for First Army of 1,200,000 Men.

The United States will be represented on the fighting fronts of Europe, both land and sea, by an army of perhaps 500,000 men and a powerful force of naval vessels within a year.

The Pershing expedition to France and the flotilla of destroyers now hunting down submarines in the British war zone are but the beginning. This was indicated in official circles yesterday, and ample proof is found in the preparations which the government is making.

Beginning today the "big push" for volunteers for the military service will begin. The regular army needs more than 100,000 men to bring it to war strength, and the National Guard requires 170,000 additional men. Besides these a volunteer force of 150,000 to fill the places of regulars withdrawn to train the volunteers and the 500,000 selective conscripts are wanted.

With recruiting officers shooting at a total of more than 400,000—and this is regarded in War Department circles as the real test of volunteer methods—every ounce of machinery is to be brought to bear to fill these places before the draft gets into operation, probably late in August.

Plan 1,200,000—Within Year.

The General Staff plans call for an army of approximately 1,200,000 within a year. Indeed, the total will be swelled to probably 1,700,000 in that period, as the second increment under the conscription bill probably will be ordered to the colors before more than nine months have elapsed.

Out of the three forces a division is to be sent to France "as soon as practicable," according to Secretary of War Baker's announcement. This means almost immediately. But there is no concealment that this is only the beginning. The earlier re-enforcements of the Pershing expedition will be drawn, it is believed, from the regular army and National Guard then in the Federal service.

The Army War College is working on plans for the employment of these troops. These plans are still incomplete. It is stated, and before being put into operation would have to have the approval of the General Staff, the Secretary of War and the President, who "alone is responsible for the conduct of this war" and "could not evade the responsibility if I would."

Rumors of Staff Changes.

In connection with the army preparations rumors are more and more persistent of an early shake-up in the General Staff. The Chief-of-Staff is appointed by the President, confirmation of the appointment lying with the Senate. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott is now Chief-of-Staff, but he is the military delegate on the Root mission to Russia and is not expected to return to the country before he reaches the age of retirement—in August—and his staff leadership automatically expires. In his absence Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss is serving as Chief-of-Staff. Gen. Bliss is also near the age of retirement, and it is not believed likely President Wilson would appoint him in Gen. Scott's place in view of the fact that he would have only a few months to serve.

Brig. Gen. Kuhn, who has studied war conditions in Europe and who has been reported as favorably inclined to an early expedition to France from the front, is being pointed to as the man most likely to fall into the leadership. He is of the younger army group and has established a reputation as a strategist.

While the army is going ahead with its preparations a great deal of turning out vessels designed to hunt down submarines. Destroyers and certain other shallow-draft craft have been found most effective in this work and a continued movement of such ships to European waters has been indicated as the government's plan.

Gen. Goethals has never committed himself to any figure, either as a matter of scientific hope or expectancy, of the wooden tonnage we might be able to produce, but he has always kept to his first opinion that it is an essential produce all the wooden tonnage we could produce as a supplement to the steel ship output of the nation. Should the effectiveness of the submarine be happily curbed, it is obvious that the first curtailing of production would be the wooden ship.

Construction of four 10,000-ton steel ships, for early delivery to the government, at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000,000, was authorized yesterday by the United States Shipping Board. The contract for these ships was awarded to the Merrill-Stevens Company, of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Shipping Board was advised that operations have been started at utmost speed in the plant of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding Company, to make available at the earliest possible moment eight new steel ships of 8,500 tons each. Plans were rushed ahead in yards on both coasts to begin work on the ships to be awarded within the next few days. The greater volume of work agreed upon will be entered upon as soon as Congress makes available the \$750,000 fund for shipbuilding.

Sub Menace Serious.

Congress will be spurred to quicker action today by the latest reports of destruction of allied shipping by German submarines, which are seeping through government channels from all quarters. The alarm felt by government officials was in no sense allayed by the fact there has been in recent weeks a slight diminution in the rate of destruction, established by a month or two ago. Government experts know this is because allied shipping has been kept closely to their ports, rather than to any let-up in German submarine warfare.

Chairman Denman of the Shipping Board, saw grave peril in the slightest delay to the execution of the program projected by President Wilson and his advisers. "It should be noted that if the world produces all of the steel ships that it can now build or can be built in the next eighteen months, and in addition all of the wooden ships which can be built in that time, it will not equal one-half of the rate of destruction established by the German submarine in last April," Chairman Denman said.

MOVIES BID FOR EX-CZAR.

New York, May 20.—Probably with the idea of getting something in the papers about it, a film company spent \$18.10 yesterday to send the following cablegram: "Lvoff, Premier, Provisional Government, Petrograd, Russia.

"Could you spare Czar to do one feature picture showing progress revolutionary movement? Salary \$5,000 week, to be devoted to your cause. Four weeks guaranteed."

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